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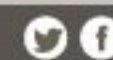
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BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Another crack at the street noise debate



Ryan
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Metro | Edmonton

The solution to the sometimes overbearing noise caused by street preachers and demonstrators may just be a new perspective on enforcing bylaws, according to one city councillor.

In response to a request Coun. Michael Oshry raised earlier this year, city staff studied other cities where different rules are in place for limiting public disturbance from amplified street preachers and others in the public realm.

But Oshry said after talking with city staff about this investigation, which included discovering differing approaches taken in other cities, he now believes peace officers might be able to target the problem without changing the rules at all.

"They could have the bylaw enforcement guys issue a ticket if they feel that someone is being too loud," he said.

Oshry said the city has, in the past, been reluctant to enforce the rules without a complaint. But he said there's been a change of heart in the department, and it now believes it can effectively turn down the volume.

He said it could mean officers would check in regularly in areas where amplified street noise has been a problem.

"They would put a focus on this because they realize it is an issue."

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FALLOUT

Taping Nenshi illegal: Lawyer



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Secretly recording a conversation is not cool in Massachusetts but calling someone a “d—” is not a problem. That’s according to Boston-based lawyer Howard Cooper, who spoke to Metro about the potential legal fallout of a recording made of Mayor Naheed Nenshi last week in Boston.

A Lyft driver who picked up the mayor had the live-streaming app Periscope running on a device mounted in his dashboard. Nenshi had no idea he was being broadcast and spoke candidly about his thoughts on Uber.

Cooper said under Massachusetts law, it is a felony to secretly record the audio of someone’s voice without their consent.

“Recording somebody’s voice ... without their permission is a crime,” he said.

The Lyft driver, John Bravo, told Metro he was unaware of the legalities of recording voices without consent.

As for what the mayor said about Uber CEO Travis Kalanick, there’s no legal problem, according to Cooper.

Nenshi will now have some explaining to do at council about how the city tested Uber’s system. In the video, he said sex offenders passed Uber’s background screening — something he backtracked on in a written statement.

Computers for the newly housed will go a long way

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Donations cut down isolation for formerly homeless



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

A big donation to Boyle Street Community Services will help some of Edmonton’s most vulnerable stay connected online.

Recently, the Electronic Recycling Association donated 30 refurbished computers that will be given to formerly homeless people in the non-profit agency’s housing program.

Executive Director Julian Daly said it’s a win-win: “They get to recycle computers, which is their business, and we get to give them to previously homeless people and help connect them with the wider world, which is our business.”

Boyle Street has never had a donation of computers of this size, Daly said, but it’s one they’re grateful for.

Computers may not be the first thing you’d think a person in the housing program would need. But in recent years they’ve become an increasingly vital tool for finding jobs and staying in touch, Daly said.

“There’s often the initial eu-



Boyle Street Community Services executive director Julian Daly. CONTRIBUTED

phoria of being housed,” Daly said, “but folks can feel quite isolated after the initial honeymoon phase.”

When people are housed they tend to lose connections with their friends on the street and the people they normally

hang out with, he said, especially when they’re placed in areas of the city far from where they used to live.

“(A computer) allows our guys to connect and reduce the isolation from the wider world.”

Bojan Paduh, the founder and president of ERA, said in a release, “We want to do what we can to help, and donating computers is what we do.”

“We hope this donation will generate goodwill from other organizations and the public to

step up and give back in whatever ways they can.”

Boyle Street is a non-profit agency that assists individuals and families challenged by homelessness and poverty. They help find housing for up to 700 people every year.

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Youth propose solar shift

ENERGY

City's young advocates call on council to install panels



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

If the Edmonton Youth Council has its way, the roof of city hall could one day be dotted with solar panels.

It's a recommendation they will present to city council Monday because, they say, solar panels would help both cut down on energy consumption and showcase Edmonton's solar potential.

"We'd be looking at reducing the conventional electricity that gets used by city hall," said Kabir Nadkarni, one of the members of council spearheading the proposal. "It would also be a really good location because we could use it for an engagement piece."

The Youth Council, tasked



The Youth Council points to Queen Elizabeth Pool as an example of a successful solar project, but says city hall would have a much higher profile. METRO FILE

with taking issues important to youth to city council, came up with the idea as part of a larger interest in sustainability, Nadkarni said.

He said with funding now possible through the Alberta

Municipal Solar Program, a rebate program announced by the province in February, the project could be financially feasible for the city.

He added that the project also makes sense in the context

of the city's environmental strategic plan, The Way We Green, which sets out a vision of sustainability for the city.

Equally important Nadkarni said is to have solar panels in such a visible location — they're

“It's definitely a viable future technology.”
Kabir Nadkarni

looking at installing them on the flat part of the roof, but haven't ruled out the south-facing surfaces of the pyramids.

"We talked to a bunch of Edmontonians about what they want, and they say they're interested (in solar technology) but they don't know what the options are or what companies to go to," he said.

The Youth Council has already spoken to experts from ENMAX and NAIT's Alternative Energy Program and has begun looking at feasibility and financial models, but more development would be needed.

"It's definitely a viable future technology, I wouldn't even say future, it's a viable technology now," Nadkarni said, "and we could do a much better job at implementing it."

The proposal goes to council on Monday.

INNOVATION

Library of music wins award



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton Public Library project celebrating the local music scene has received a national award for innovation.

Capital City Records was created almost two years ago as a free online collection of curated local albums available to any music fan online.

This week it was given the Award for Innovative Technology from the Canadian Library Association.

Visitors to the site can stream albums curated by a jury pulled from the local music community or view over 200 posters.

Library cardholders get an extra layer of access and have unlimited track downloads.

Library CEO Pilar Martinez says the project was born out of a desire to create a digital public space for the local music scene.

"There was an interest in celebrating Edmonton's fantastic community and local music scene — and the history, too," she said.

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EDMONTON HEROES Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

Staring down drug stigma

SCIENCE

Researcher uses evidence, not judgment, in opioid response



Samantha Power
For Metro | Edmonton

The making of Elaine Hyshka started with an undergraduate course back in 2006.

"There was a lecture on the response to the drug problem and I was stunned at the overemphasis on the criminal justice system," she says.

The need for change was evident to her even then. "There was a lot of clear evidence criminalization was contributing to negative health outcomes."

Today, policy that works for people rather than reasserts a destructive moral code is at the heart of Hyshka's work.

She's a newly appointed assistant professor in public health at the University of Alberta, where she's well placed to continue researching and advocating for public health and harm reduction reform for people who misuse substances.

Her study of drug users in Edmonton's inner city holds promise for real change. As is her way, she's spoken to actual users rather than stigmatize them — in all, 320 hours of interviews with participants who use drugs.

It's the largest survey of its kind. And it reveals important new information on the number of drug users, needle sharing rates and rates of non-fatal overdoses.

The level of people who reported sharing syringes "was



“ I was stunned at the overemphasis on the criminal justice system. **”**
Elaine Hyshka

Assistant professor of public health Elaine Hyshka at the University of Alberta wants to change conversation. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

higher than I expected," Hyshka says.

Indeed, at 26 per cent, the rate is as high as Vancouver's — before safe injection sites were implemented, that is.

The statistics are key to health policy that works for people, Hyshka says. And she wants to see more of it.

"Getting a chance to hear people's stories is incredibly

important work," she says. "Anyone doing academic work should go out and see what people are living with."

As a start, she says Alberta needs to do the work to understand why opioid use, and deaths from overdoses, are on the rise.

With more than 270 fatal fentanyl overdoses in 2015, Alberta has a problem verging on

an epidemic.

Hyshka says there needs to be a better co-ordinated approach between Health Canada and Alberta to ensure solutions are available.

But she says there also needs to be an understanding as to why people are misusing, not only fentanyl, but all opioids in the first place.

"No one has really sat down

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Hyshka completed her PhD in December in Public Health Sciences at U of A. In 2011 she spent the summer researching at the BC Centre for Excellence for HIV/AIDS in Vancouver, working with the research group that had previously evaluated InSite supervised injection facility. Hyshka earned her master of arts at the University of Toronto, as well as a certificate in addictions studies.

and asked why so many people in Alberta are using opioids," Hyshka says.

Hyshka says more interconnectivity is needed in the health-care system as a whole.

"We need to take a comprehensive look at the reasons that people misuse drugs and understand those," says Hyshka.

Change in public health policy around harm reduction comes down to understanding the people involved, she says.

"It's easy to say we have a drug problem, but to show exactly the extent to which people are having trouble accessing services is key."

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HOSPITALS

Health care gets spending injection



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Alberta is spending \$759 million over the next five years on basic hospital upkeep. The new money is aimed at smaller projects as well as dealing with maintenance issues like roofs and furnace systems, the government said at an announcement Friday.

Infrastructure Minister Brian Mason said the projects aren't flashy like the new cancer centre in Calgary, but are important.

"It's the meat and potatoes work that makes sure our health care facilities are operating well," he said.

The \$759 million is a 16 per cent increase over last year's spending.

Zoom in: Rapid Transfer unit
One of these minor projects

is a permanent rapid transfer unit at the University of Alberta Hospital.

The hospital created a pilot project in the fall of 2014, aiming to remove some burden from emergency rooms and paramedics.

The pilot created space for patients who need a place to go, but don't have a bed outside the emergency room. But the current pilot unit is located several floors away from the emergency room.

To build a permanent unit with better equipment and a closer location is estimated to cost about \$4 million.

Dr. William Sevcik, chief of the emergency room, said moving the unit will allow the hospital to turn over beds quicker.

"We have been able to treat patients sooner, making a much more positive impact on patient's care and families experience," he said.

Province to consider all options: Minister

As the Alberta government starts work planning replacements for two of Edmonton's major hospitals, Health Minister Sarah Hoffman said Friday everything is on the table.

The provincial budget includes \$10 million, each, spread over two years for planning on both the Royal Alexandra and Misericordia hospitals.

Hoffman said the planning has to be completed before anything is considered.

"We're not going to make an announcement until we know

exactly what we can afford and what needs to be done most," she said.

Recently, Alberta Health Services estimated it would cost \$4.5 billion spread over 16 years to replace the Alex, though AHS has not study released for the cost of a replacement Misericordia.

Hoffman said the government is keen to have more people treated in the community and in that context the government has to ask if it wants a much bigger hospital. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

School's religious ties 'off-putting' to many

CONCORDIA OF EDMONTON

Move away from church 'startling' says Rev. Bugbee



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Concordia University's president says his board's decision to cut ties with the Lutheran Church is a sign of the times.

"You go across the country, it's kind of an evolution of post-secondary institutions that they eventually come into the public sphere. And I think we're just at that stage right now, and we're following through in that same tradition," said Gerald Krispin.

"It's all about inclusion. That's the big issue. And we want to be an inclusive university."

The Lutheran Church's contribution to the school's \$30-million annual budget dropped from \$128,400 in 2014 to \$30,000 last year — a number Krispin calls "nominal."

The university has a chapel and has required students to take a class in religion, philosophy or ethics, but Krispin said it had been operating as a public university for all intents and purposes.

He also noted the school has a sizeable LGBTQ community.

"To have a religious connection was pretty off-putting to a lot of local students," he said.



Concordia University of Edmonton President Gerald Krispin says his school will be better off without its Lutheran affiliation. CONTRIBUTED

“It's all about inclusion. That's the big issue. And we want to be an inclusive university. Gerald Krispin

The university's board of directors decided late last year to erase any mention of Christian heritage and commitment in its mission statement, and explained the move publicly to members of the church last month.

Krispin resigned from his post as a Lutheran minister in the process.

Lutheran Church-Canada President Rev. Robert Bugbee

acknowledged the trend of Christian universities going public, but said he was caught off guard by Concordia's move.

"We were surprised by it, in the sense that there was no advance consultation, we didn't receive any notice in advance that this was going to be done. So I think the way in which it was handled was a little startling," Bugbee said. He said the church

had been clear with Concordia that its decrease in financial contributions was meant to be a temporary measure.

King's University College, on the other hand — which is affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church — saw close to an eight per cent increase in enrolment last year, bringing its total to 778 students.

Dan VanKeeken, vice president of institutional advancement at King's, said the school will maintain its religious ties.

"We have no plans to go public," he said.

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Study sheds light on homicide trends

ANALYSIS

Local research suggests some common links in offenders



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton is on pace to break its 2011 record of 50 homicides in a year, and has recorded one more than the rest of Alberta combined so far this year.

But while Supt. Mark Neufeld said police have struggled to chalk up the rash of homicides to any particular explanation, they generally fall in line with a study EPS and Grant MacEwan University undertook in 2013.

The study sought to identify risk factors in offenders and victims — using homi-

cide statistics from 2007 to 2012.

That research indicated that victims and offenders were mostly white males, about two-thirds of them were unemployed, and only 19 per cent of victims and 13 per cent of offenders had graduated high school.

"The victims of these crimes were mothers, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, friends and co-workers," he said.

"Families are grieving, and they're impacted in ways that I think are difficult for people to fully understand.

"And I'm also convinced that these type of incidents leave a mark on us collectively as a community."

Abuse of drugs and alcohol was another common thread among both victims and offenders.

Neufeld was quick to note, however, that these findings are not intended to assign blame to victims.



Edmonton Police Service Supt. Mark Neufeld addresses media at EPS headquarters Friday. KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO

“These type of incidents leave a mark on us collectively as a community.”

Supt. Mark Neufeld

BY THE NUMBERS Murder and marginalization

Based on previous years' murder data, police have identified several risk factors for being involved in murder in the city — either as a victim or a perpetrator. With Edmonton hitting 19 murders in 2016 recently, and on track to eclipse its historic high of 50 in 2011, the factors make for disturbing reading.

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Percentage of murder victims in 2007–2012 who completed high school.

2/3

Ratio of perpetrators who were white males

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Percentage of perpetrators in 2007–2012 who completed high school.

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Number of murder cases in 2016 that have seen arrests. Police say more are coming.

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How one mom's belly pic ended up online

PRIVACY

Photo lands on porn site after woman gets catfished

Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

A woman from Winnipeg says she was shocked to find out photos she sent to someone she thought was a friend ended up on a pregnancy porn site.

Tracey Drexler, a mother of two, says she is pregnant with twins. She said she went online looking for Facebook groups who could provide her with advice on birthing twins, and found a group called Life With Twins.

"I've gotten lots of good advice on there. Being a first

time twin-mom, you don't really know what to expect," said Drexler. "It's been helpful in a lot of ways."

Drexler was commenting on a thread along with another pregnant mother.

The woman commenting with Drexler befriended her on Facebook, and they started discussing their pregnancies. Drexler didn't think twice about sending a belly photo, she said.

"It was definitely innocent to start, like, she's just another mom, right?" said Drexler.

But innocent soon turned creepy.

"She asked about my nipples and how they were changing, and then she asked to see a photo," she said. "We kind of stopped talking then."

A short time later, Drexler noticed the group make a post about not allowing belly photos in the group due to people catfishing photos of

pregnant women. Attached to the post was a link to a site called pregophillia.com.

"I remembered I had shared my picture with the creepy (person)," said Drexler. "I clicked on the link and went through the website. I found a photo of me."



It was definitely innocent to start; like, she's just another mom, right?

Tracey Drexler

Drexler said she sent the website an email and they took her photo down.

Susie Parker, social media strategist for Sparker Strategy Group, said there are certain things all people – not just pregnant women, should keep in mind when dealing with people online.

"Don't accept requests from people you don't know," she

said. "If you do... you put yourself and (your) information at greater risk online."

She said even if someone is sharing pictures with you online, you shouldn't feel the need to send any back. If you suspect the person is fake or catfishing, you should report

the profile to Facebook, she said.

"If you feel harassed or unsafe, block the profile," she said.

Drexler said while pregnancy is a beautiful thing, other mothers-to-be should make sure they have appropriate privacy settings.

"I'm a lot more paranoid now," she said.



Tracey Drexler says her photo ended up on a pregnancy porn site. CONTRIBUTED

ANIMALS

Rescued dogs get a second chance at life in British Columbia



Woodpecker is one of the dogs rescued from the illegal meat trade in Asia that arrived in Vancouver on Saturday night.

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Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Five dogs rescued from the illegal meat trade in Asia are being given a new lease on life in British Columbia.

The animals, which were brought here by Vancouver-based animal rescue group Leading Each Animal Safely Home, or LEASH, arrived at Vancouver International Airport late Saturday night.

LEASH worked with the Soi Dog Foundation, a Thailand-

based non-profit organization that rescued the dogs from being trafficked into the meat industry in that region.

"The dog meat trade is a huge industry there," Cassi MacDonald, team member for LEASH, told Metro. "It's horrifying. It's absolutely devastating because to us, dogs are our companions. They're our friends... and it's sad to imagine our companions going through such things."

Although eating dog meat is illegal in Thailand, tens of thousands of dogs are smuggled from the country every

year to neighbouring regions, where they are prepared for human consumption. The dogs are often transported in cramped crates, where they either die along the way or are tortured for hours, often before being skinned alive, according to the Soi Dog Foundation.

MacDonald said the dogs, which have all received veterinary check-ups and the necessary vaccinations before arriving in Canada, will stay in foster homes for about five to eight weeks until they are ready for adoption.

Sandi Cousins, who took mixed-breed pup Woodpecker into her Burnaby home as a foster.

When Cousins saw the dog carted out at the airport Saturday night, she said she immediately bonded with the pooch, which she nicknamed Woody.

"I stuck my finger in his cage ... and he came up and gave me a lick," she said. "I just wanted to get him out of there and get him home, and tell him, 'Hey buddy, this is the beginning of your new life.'"

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A bloody weekend in the U.S.

From a shooting at a Wisconsin high-school prom to slain family members, this weekend in the U.S. saw at least 14 people killed, including gunmen. Investigations into all the shootings are still ongoing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



WISCONSIN Dream night turns nightmare

An 18-year-old man opened fire with a high-powered rifle outside of a high school prom in northern Wisconsin, wounding two students before a police officer who was in the parking lot fatally shot him, authorities said Sunday.

Investigators did not say whether they believe the two students were specifically

targeted or discuss a possible motive for the shooting. But a school administrator said it appeared that the gunman — identified as Jakob E. Wagner — intended to go into the dance and start shooting randomly.

The two prom-goers who were wounded were shot as they exited the building, according to Eric Roller, the chief of police in Antigo, a community of about 8,000 people roughly 150 miles north of Milwaukee.



GEORGIA 'A ticking time bomb'

The daughter of a northeast Georgia man suspected of shooting five people to death before killing himself said her father was a "ticking time bomb."

Lauren Hawes told The Associated Press on Saturday that she and her one-year-old daughter hid in a neighbour's house — barely escaping with

their lives — while her father, Wayne Anthony Hawes, 50, went on a bloody rampage and killed five people, including her grandmother and cousin.

Cpt. Andy Shedd of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office said that the shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute that left three men and two women dead at two separate locations. The body of shooting suspect Hawes was recovered Saturday by authorities.



OHIO 'A pre-planned execution'

Residents of the rural southern Ohio community of Piketon are rattled by a rare major crime that took the lives of eight members of a tight-knit family in the area.

Authorities were still trying Sunday to find out who targeted the seven adults and teenage boy and why. Their bodies were found

Friday at four different homes near Piketon, about 60 miles south of Columbus.

Attorney General Mike DeWine said Sunday the slayings were "a pre-planned execution" and he expects the investigation will be lengthy.

"This was very methodical. This was well planned. This was not something that just happened," said Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader, saying most were targeted while they were sleeping.

NATURAL DISASTER

Nepal marks anniversary of earthquake

People gathered Sunday at the remains of a historic tower in Nepal's capital that collapsed in a devastating earthquake a year ago, as Nepalese held memorial services to mark the anniversary of a disaster that killed nearly 9,000 people and left millions homeless.

Minor protests were also held, with demonstrators angry at the slow rate of reconstruction in the wake of the magnitude-7.8

quake that ravaged vast areas of Nepal.

Participating in the memorial ceremonies were people who lost loved ones in the quake, and others who simply came to pray for those killed.

About 100 protesters scuffled with riot police outside the prime minister's office demonstrating against the slow reconstruction of the homes. More than 600,000 homes were

destroyed and around 185,000 damaged.

According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, an estimated 4 million people are still living in sub-standard temporary shelters in conditions that pose a threat to their health and well-being. Only 661 families have received the first installment of a 200,000-rupee (\$1,868) government grant, getting 50,000

rupees (\$467) so far.

Nepal has made almost no progress in rebuilding from the quake despite foreign donors pledging more than \$4 billion in aid during a donors' conference last year. The government, in disarray for nearly a decade, has not regrouped enough to be a strong force for reconstruction.

Out of the \$4.1 billion pledged, Nepal has so far received just \$1.28 billion. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Family members of earthquake victims pray during a Buddhist ceremony to commemorate the victims of last year's magnitude-7.8 quake that hit Nepal. **GETTY IMAGES**

FLORIDA

Employee's death by tiger own fault: CEO

A Florida zoo official says an employee who was killed by a tiger earlier this month didn't follow zoo policy.

Palm Beach Zoo CEO Andrew Aiken said that zoo policy prohibits zookeepers from entering an enclosure to which a tiger has access.

Stacey Konwiser, 38, was killed April 15 when a male Malayan tiger attacked her in the enclosure known as the night house, where tigers sleep and are fed. Aiken said Konwiser en-



Stacey Konwiser
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tered the part of the night house "after it was clearly designated as accessible by a tiger."

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EGYPT

Defend state from 'forces of evil': El-Sissi

Egypt's president urged citizens to defend the state and its institutions from the "forces of evil" on Sunday, a day before planned demonstrations against his policies, including the transfer of two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia.

In a widely televised speech, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi insisted on the need for stability in the Arab world's most populous country, saying that attempts to degrade it "won't be successful" if Egypt stands united.

"We must protect these institutions because these mean the state," he said. "I am reiterating

to the Egyptian people this is the responsibility of all of us, for us to protect this security and stability."

Earlier this month, thousands marched against el-Sissi's policies in the largest demonstrations since he assumed office in 2014. The protests featured slogans such as "leave," and "down with the regime," used in the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime leader Hosni Mubarak.

The protesters, including politicians and activists, called for more demonstrations on Monday, a national holiday that commemorates the withdrawal of

the last Israeli troops from the Sinai Peninsula in 1982 under the Camp David peace agreement.

The armed forces will deploy at vital sites Monday to prevent saboteurs from taking advantage of these protests, Egypt's military spokesman Brig. Gen. Mohammed Samir said Sunday.

El-Sissi's comments raise the possibility of large-scale counter-demonstrations that could turn violent, in addition to a potentially harsh police crackdown — especially if the demonstrators attempt to reach the heavily policed Tahrir Square.

Protests are essentially

banned in Egypt under laws passed after el-Sissi led the military overthrow of his elected but divisive Islamist predecessor, Mohammed Morsi, in 2013.

A petition titled "Egypt is not for sale," which calls for a reversal of the decision on the islands and supports the protests, was signed by more than 300 Egyptian novelists, lawyers and activists, and several calls have been made on social media for Monday's demonstrations to converge on Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the 2011 revolt against Mubarak.

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Rage against the automated machine

ROBOTS

Fears rise of a takeover by automated workers

Hype about robots — from artificially intelligent therapists to burrito-delivery drones — has surged recently amid increased investment from tech giants such as Facebook, Google and Amazon.

With so much high-profile coverage, it's no wonder fears have also soared that automated helpers could put us out of work. A recent Pew Institute study said more than two-thirds of Americans think that most jobs will be done by robots or computers

in 50 years. But according to at least one expert, a full-fledged robot workplace invasion will not happen anytime soon.

"I scream when I see colleagues say that robots are going to replace people and be mimicking their brain," said Andrew Goldenberg, professor emeritus in mechanical engineering at the University of Toronto. "To compete with people from a certain level of skills and up? Give me a break."

The reason is that there are many limitations to machine learning. Robots are much better at learning tasks that can be memorized and have strict rules and structures: they can breeze through the math portion of an SAT, but would flunk the essay section.

However, robots replacing

some manufacturing jobs — once the foundation of a middle-class life — has been happening for decades.

"In the auto industry we've seen the march of automation and increasing labour productivity rapidly for the last several decades," said Bill Murnighan, director of research at Unifor, Canada's biggest union.

Canada is producing about the same number of vehicles as it was two decades ago, with a quarter fewer workers. The lion's share of the change has come from new technology, including robots, said Murnighan.

It's a scenario that's become increasingly familiar to workers in the service industry, such as those in fast food, call centres, retail and bank tellers.

The White House's Council

of Economic Advisers projected earlier this year that people making less than \$20 an hour have an 83 per cent chance of losing their job to a robot, while the odds for those earning less than \$40 are 30 per cent.

Even education might not be the protection from creeping automation it was once thought to be. A McKinsey & Co. study found most of what most of us do at work is repetitive and rote. That means robots might not entirely replace our jobs, but rather a lot of what we do.

About 45 per cent of the tasks Americans do across all jobs could be automated — even those in powerful positions. About 20 per cent of the work a CEO does could be automated, the McKinsey study found.

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FISHERIES

Iron fertilizing project proposed in Chile

The federal government is still investigating an experiment off the West Coast almost four years ago aimed at boosting salmon stocks that sparked an international outcry.

Now a former director and operations officer of Haida Salmon Restoration Corp. says he wants to carry out another ocean-fertilizing exercise, this time off South America.

Jason McNamee says the company Oceaneos, where he serves as chief operations officer, has

been in talks about fertilizing the ocean with iron with the Chilean government, which could not be reached for comment.

In July 2012, the now-inactive Haida Salmon Restoration travelled to international waters near the islands of Haida Gwaii where it dumped 100 tonnes of iron sulphate into the water in an effort to restore waning salmon stocks.

Critics said the practice was largely untested. But proponents of ocean fertilization contend

the process stimulates biological productivity in the marine environment, triggering a phytoplankton bloom that travels up the food chain and ultimately bolsters salmon populations.

Environment Canada's enforcement branch launched an investigation in August 2012, though the agency recently declined to answer any questions about the case.

"As the matter is under investigation, it would be inappropriate to provide further informa-

tion at this time," spokeswoman Natalie Huneault wrote in an email.

McNamee predicts this year's British Columbia return should be "one of the largest chinook fisheries ever."

"The research is clear. If you put the right sort of iron in the right place at the right time that you will stimulate a plankton bloom. And if you do it in the right place at the right time you may stimulate fisheries."

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THE QUESTION

A friend I've known since moving to Canada, who is deeply embedded in my social circle, makes me uncomfortable. He's rowdy and rude, and creepy toward my wife. Should I dump him? Can I?

Dear Ellen,

One of my oldest friends (I've known him since I came to Canada 11 years ago) is also from my country and shares connections with my people back home. But he does drugs to the point where I feel uncomfortable around him, and behaves in a horribly rowdy and rude manner. Also he is touchy-feely, really quite creepy, towards my wife, making suggestive comments and hugging her in an overly drawn-out and grabby way. My wife feels very skeeved out by this, but won't say anything as he's my friend. Unfortunately, his sister and my wife's stepbrother are together, and he's embedded in my social circle.

Should I dump him? How can I dump him?

Rakib, Toronto

Dear Rakib,

At some point, many of us look at certain friends and realize that if we met them now, there's no way we'd have anything to do with them. Whether it's their idiotic politics, crude manners, overweening narcissism, deadly dull conversation, or lack of personal hygiene we can't stand, the fact is we could live happily see the last of them tomorrow.

But if they're childhood friends, or family friends, or the "friends by default" we tend to accumulate through our social circles, we often accept them for who they are.

With friends past their shelf life, it can be less hurtful if you just politely evaporate over time.

You might even argue that it does us good to make room for all types in our lives.

As for friends who don't fit any of those categories, who may have crossed us in some way, or who add nothing but empty social obligation to our lives, and to whom we owe nothing, it is perfectly justifiable to let the friendship go.

The sleazy loser you're describing fits into the last category, and deserves to be dumped immediately.

Alas, with the extenuating circumstances you've described, I admit this won't be easy.

If he was a reasonable person who wasn't embedded in your life, I'd recommend you simply back off. When you repeatedly find excuses not to get together with someone, they'll usually take the hint and stop asking. Note: This is not allowed in romantic relationships, where you are

obliged to explicitly tell your soon-to-be ex you want to break up, and then bear the brunt of any last words/objects they want to fling at you.

But with friends past their shelf life, it can be easier and less hurtful for both parties if you just politely evaporate over time. As a friend who's both dumped and been dumped, I can tell you this method works like a charm. In a couple of cases, it took me years to realize I'd been dumped at all! But the passage of time and my own (narcissistic?) powers of denial definitely helped to alleviate the sting.

Unfortunately for you, Rakib, the wife-groping, drug-taking, ill-mannered clod in your life is likely incapable of taking a hint. Even if you confront him directly, and unfriend him in person, he sounds like the type of jerk who'd stir up trouble among your surrounding friends and

family.

What might work is if you address his behaviour on a case-by-case basis. If your wife can't bring herself to tell him not to grope her, you can ask him to be more respectful the next time he does it. When he's high, tell him you don't want to be around him. When he's rowdy and rude, call him out on his words and actions.

Keep it short and sweet, calm and polite. He may counterattack with ridicule or anger, so let him, shrug it off, and move on. Do not engage or argue. Consistently react with lecturing disapproval every time he reoffends.

With any luck at all, he'll soon find you to be a boring, self-righteous nag, and want to start avoiding you altogether.

Problem solved.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

You gotta be pretty good with women to be as sexy as Prince was

Among all the other things more eloquently explained by hundreds of other people by now, Prince was a sexual god.

It's not an academic premise; it's a visceral fact. His music forces movement from secret, erogenous places, outwards. You tingle. You hum. Then you dance.

And it's anything but conventional titillation. Pansexuality is a decidedly dull and ubiquitous phrase for the fluid and erotic way he played with gender and desire. Prince's sexiness was dirty, and highly feminine, but also fundamentally loving in a way that is desperately lacking in the sex appeal of mainstream pop culture today.

For women, and really anyone who's not a hetero-male, and even hetero-males, his femme-sex-positiveness is still radical.

"Prince put women in his band. Thirty years ago," tweeted my friend, Helen Spitzer, on the news of Prince's death. "He wrote a sexy, beautiful song called 'If I was yr girlfriend.' I don't want to overstate this (cannot be overstated) but Prince thought women's orgasms were important."

"As a young woman it was very obvious to you he was women-focused, very female-centric on how he conceived of sexiness," Helen added when I called her up.

Which isn't to say he wasn't also masculine. Somehow, while lounging naked in a

feminine pose, one hand delicately covering a bare nipple, he gave us a single outlet for sexual desires that would otherwise run in wildly opposite, or looping, or disjointed directions. Hard and soft.

He was also "genuinely sexually curious, in an utterly respectful way," Helen noted. And that was the other side of his sexual perfection. Its openness. Its authenticity. Its dignity, even when it was nasty. Its adoration of sexuality itself. "Sexuality is all we ever need," he sings in the aptly titled "Sexuality." And the "we" there is key — while Prince was having an orgasmic time, he wanted everyone else to, too.

Politically speaking, it's not exactly clear whether Prince always believed in the free erotic glory he embodied. A 2008 New Yorker profile suggested he disapproved of gay marriage. But from the reaction to his death, that is no match for his actual, deep and expansive legacy of sexual and gender freedom.

And, it should also be said, love. For at least the last three years, I've listened on repeat to Call My Name. Leaning hard on slow soulfulness, it is the perfect love song. Lust-love, heart-love, soul-love. The way your name, on the lips of your lover, "let me know that my name had never really been spoken before."

"Baby would you call it! Call my name," he begs. "... Prince."

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'There are no jobs' for new grads

EDUCATION

Even qualified engineers are feeling the oil price pinch

Shady Hashem travelled part-way around the world to study as a mine engineer in Canada, at times paying triple the local tuition and working at a call centre to put himself through school, only to graduate in one of the worst job markets in recent memory.

"There are no jobs," said Hashem, 28.

"I talk to a lot of engineers, and the expected time to get a job is between six months and a year."

He came to Calgary to look for work after finishing classes at Halifax's Dalhousie University in December, hoping to find something in Alberta's oilsands with his co-op work experience at Syncrude last summer. But postings are slim, and he hasn't heard anything back after applying for 50 or so jobs in recent weeks.

"I'm applying everywhere, but I haven't heard back from anybody yet, not even an email that says, 'Sorry, this position has been filled,'" said Hashem. "That's very frustrating."

Hashem, originally from Egypt but now a permanent resident of Canada, is one of the many recent engineering grads who are struggling to find jobs as the oil-and-gas industry continues to slash jobs in the aftermath of the global oil price plunge.

Those still in school looking for work experience also face a daunting market as summer approaches.

Colleen Bangs, manager of career services at the University of Calgary, said only about a



Shady Hashem, who did a co-op placement with Alberta's Syncrude, graduated from engineering at Dalhousie University into one of the worst job markets in recent memory. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

third of the 659 engineering students at the school have found placements for their year-long internships as companies cut back on campus recruitment.

"Something I've noticed, particularly in this last semester, is that there's a bit of an impending feeling of doom," said Bangs.

That's in stark contrast to the situation just a couple years ago, when the industry was booming.

"It was just a very different climate. Employers were racing to make offers," said Bangs. "Whereas now it's a bit more

sombre to be totally honest. It's a lot slower, much like we're seeing in the general marketplace."

Several companies are cutting back on student hirings. Suncor said it's reduced hiring compared with recent years without giving specifics, while Cenovus Energy said it isn't hiring any students at all for now, paid or unpaid.

Cenovus spokesman Brett Harris said in an email that the company suspended the program given the challenging economic environment, which has resulted in more than 30

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Shady Hashem

per cent of the company's overall workforce being cut since the end of 2014.

It's not all doom and gloom,

however.

At the University of Alberta, close to 70 per cent of the 1,300 students looking for four-month

co-op placements have found them, said assistant professor Tim Joseph at the university's school of mining and petroleum engineering.

He said employers still have short-term hiring needs — and while the co-op students are paid a healthy salary ranging from around \$3,000 to more than \$6,000 a month at times, companies aren't on the hook for senior-level salaries, benefits or other long-term obligations.

"It's not the same expense as a full hire. You can normally get two to three people for the price of one," said Joseph.

Joseph said he's hoping to get more than 80 per cent of students in co-ops this summer, compared with a peak of 96 per cent in the boom years. Students who can't find placements risk losing their spot in the co-op program, and graduating without work experience.

But even those graduating with experience are struggling, said Joseph, as they look for those elusive long-term, full-time jobs. He recently asked for a show of hands in the graduating class of about 850 of those who had a job lined up, and said only about 20 per cent raised their hands.

Hashem was fortunate enough to find co-op placements throughout his program, so has some savings to live on, but he's cut back on expenses where he can.

With few jobs to apply for, he's spending most of his time these days trying to further improve his skills, taking an online course on project manager principles so he can apply for civil engineering jobs.

He said he has up days and down days as he tries to stay focused and optimistic.

"I'm doing my best," he said. "I'm improving my qualifications, but I'm still waiting."

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Kara and her husband, Petrie, decided to get pre-approved so they could shop for their next home knowing the mortgage was good to go. They couldn't believe how much the bank said they could borrow.

If you think that a lender won't give you more mortgage than you could afford to repay, you might be wrong. A 2011 study showed that 200,000 Canadians couldn't manage any increase in their mortgage payments, while another 700,000 couldn't handle a \$200-per-month increase.

The mortgage you qualify for should not be the determining factor in how much home you buy.

Lenders have been throwing money at people, confident in their ability to claim any losses back from CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation). Normal lending criteria have gone out the window; replaced by a quick glance at credit scores.

I've heard stories of bankers encouraging people to put down less money so the mortgage will be CMHC insured. I've even heard stories of people being offered better interest rates for smaller down payments. Go figure.

My rule of thumb is to not spend more than 35 per cent of your net income on shelter including mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance.

If you bring home \$3,750 and your mate earns \$4,225 after taxes each month, you have a total net income of



A good rule of thumb is to not spend more than 35 per cent of your net income on shelter, including mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, utilities and maintenance. ISTOCK

200,000

The number of Canadians who couldn't manage any increase in their mortgage payments, according to a study from 2011.

\$7,975. Divide that by 100 and multiply by 35. ($7975 \div 100 \times 35 = \$2,791$) That gives you \$2,791 you can afford to spend on shelter.

That is not how much you can afford to spend on a mortgage.

What's it going to cost for your property taxes? I live in the bush and pay about \$300 a month.

My home insurance runs to \$100 a month. Utilities (heating, electricity, water, sewage) cost me about \$225 a month. Then there's home maintenance.

If you'll pay condo fees, use those plus an additional \$200 a month for stuff you have to do inside your unit. No condo fees? Use 3 per cent of the value of the home, sans property.

For the sake of projection, estimate of \$500/month for maintenance. When you add up all those costs it comes to \$1,125 not including a mortgage payment.

So if you have \$2,791 to spend on shelter, and you're spending \$1,125 on everything but mortgage, you have ($\$2,791 - \$1,125 = \$1,666$) up to \$1,666 to spend on your mortgage payment.

Time to head over to a mortgage calculator to see how much mortgage you can afford.

Plug in different mortgage amounts to see which number comes closest to what you can afford.

Don't squeeze yourself into the biggest mortgage you can manage, since any increase in interest will take your mortgage payment higher at renewal.

If you're in over your head on housing, it means having very little life. It can also mean being tempted to use credit to supplement your cash flow.

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TREND

Rising prices delay home buying for U.S. millennials

Short of savings and burdened by debt, America's millennials are struggling to afford their first homes in the face of sharply higher prices in many of the most desirable cities.

Surveys show that most Americans under 35 lack adequate savings for down payments. The result is that many will likely be forced to delay home ownership and to absorb significant debt loads if they do eventually buy.

Steadily rising home values in

recent years have eclipsed pay increases, making it especially difficult to buy in major growth areas for jobs, such as San Francisco, Denver and Seattle.

Nationally, 37 per cent of millennial renters have saved nothing at all for a down payment, according to a survey of 30,000 renters being released Wednesday by Apartment List, a company specializing in rental home searches.

At the same time, 79 per cent

of millennial renters say they aspire to own a home, illustrating a troublesome gap between expectations and financial realities.

Even those diligent enough to set aside money are still short the cash to buy a home.

Among larger metro areas, millennial renters who are saving have put aside an average of just \$5,830. This marks less than one-fifth the savings needed for the typical 20 per cent down payment on a starter home costing

\$175,000. The lack of savings raises doubts about whether the under-35 crowd will also delay marriage and children, said Andrew Woo, a data scientist at Apartment List.

One possibility — already evident in some markets — is that first-time buyers are making smaller down payments and paying mortgage insurance or slightly higher interest rates on mortgages.

Excess housing debt roughly

a decade ago inflated a housing bubble and then triggered a market crash that led to the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression more than 80 years ago.

"A lot of millennials are not saving enough for a 20 per cent down payment for a home," Woo said. "What does that do for our financial system — especially since we had the financial crisis less than 10 years ago? Are we willing to let homebuyers be

highly leveraged like they were before?"

Millennials not only entered a job market still healing from the downturn, but arrived with high student debt burdens, with averages approaching \$30,000. Fifty-three per cent of homebuyers under 35 last year said that student loans had delayed their purchases, according to a survey released last month by the National Association of Realtors.

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Beyoncé turns racism and rage into Lemonade

MUSIC

Intoxicating surprise album tackles tough topics

Beyoncé doesn't simply release albums anymore, she unleashes events.

And so it was this weekend, amid deep mourning for a lost icon, music's queen dropped *Lemonade*, an arresting display of what technically qualifies as videos and singles, but is better described as a work of art that appeared deeply personal, yet is a bold social and political statement as well.

It contains revenge anthems for scorned wives, a requiem for side chicks, a display of #BlackGirlMagic and support of #BlackLivesMatter, and an ode to forgiveness, all wrapped into an hour-long HBO special Saturday night that would, of course, land on Tidal, the music-streaming service owned by hubby Jay Z, moments after the special ended.

"Are you cheating on me?" Beyoncé's husky voice intones early on. For the first half of *Lemonade*, it seems that Jay Z's 100th problem was here, and unfixable. While Beyoncé has used rumours of infidelity to fuel her music for years, it seemed as if she was spilling all the tea on her much-scrutinized marriage with *Lemonade*.

On "Hold Up," an intoxicating song with an island beat, a smiling Beyoncé takes Crazy in Love to a new level: She smashes a bat on everything around her while reminding her man that other women "don't love you like I love you." Later, on "Sorry," with a twerking Serena Williams by her side, she shows her man the stupidity of his cheating ways and all he's lost. "Middle fingers up, put 'em hands high, put it in his face, tell him 'Boy bye.'" At another point, she references her man's desire for "Becky with the good hair" and talks about wearing his mistress's scalp.

What could come across as desperate instead becomes empowering, though, in part due to the poetic narrative Beyoncé uses to tie each segment together, as well as the imagery, which



Beyoncé confronts the infidelity rumours swirling around her husband Jay Z head-on in *Lemonade*. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

\$17.99

The Canadian price to download Beyoncé's video album *Lemonade* from online music provider Tidal.

is a defiant celebration of the beauty of black women: Dark to light, woolly hair to wavy hair, all looking glorious.

And just as we think it's time to get seriously concerned for Jay Z's safety, he appears, nestled with his queen, in *Sandcastles*, which speaks to a troubled union but a love that transcends it.

While much of *Lemonade* would appear to tie into Beyon-

cé's own life, or so she would have us believe, she also draws from the angst of the black community: The mothers of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown are seen, among others, looking sombre as they hold photos of their slain sons. At another point, she tells the audience via the voice of Malcolm X that "the most disrespected woman in America is the black woman."

Toward the end of *Formation*, not included on the HBO special but part of the album, Beyoncé intones: "You know you that b— when you cause all this conversation."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The cutest, happiest show on television is Little Big Shots

THE SHOW: Little Big Shots, Season 1, Episode 6
THE MOMENT: The Motown kid

Host Steve Harvey introduces Nathaniel, a teenager who plays young Michael Jackson on Broadway in *The Motown Musical*. Out struts a boy with a smile brighter than the stage lights, wearing a red jacket and a black hat cocked on his forehead. Harvey starts wiggling with glee.

"Ooh, he got swag," he says. "Look at him pop-locking. Notice how he hasn't taken his hand out of his pocket. Player move."

Harvey and Nathaniel chat about how much they love James Brown. Nathaniel pulls on a yellow cape and starts doing a murderously good James Brown dance, complete with splits.

Harvey watches for a minute, open-mouthed. Then he can't help it, he's on his feet. He flings his question card away, and dances along.

Little Big Shots is, bar none, the happiest show on the air. It's a formula as old as television itself — kids say and do the darndest things — but this



Little Big Shots host Steve Harvey with pint-sized soul sensation Nathaniel. CONTRIBUTED

iteration from producers Ellen Degeneres and Harvey nails it.

First, it's not a competition; everyone gets a standing ovation. Second, Harvey is insanely good at talking to kids. He knows when to tease them; he knows how to play dumb to make them giggle; and he makes masterful reaction faces.

Most importantly, few of the kids are as talented as Nathaniel. For every string quartet or eerily mature jazz singer, there's

an amateur tap dancer, ventriloquist, or YouTube star who dances funny.

They're not scary-good, just good enough to charm you into beaming at the TV as if you were their grandma.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



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Vincent Lecavalier says he still plans to retire this summer, ending a 17-year NHL career in which 1998's No. 1 pick accumulated 949 points

Caps deliver KO blow

NHL PLAYOFFS

Washington moves on from Philly to face Pittsburgh

Early in the third period, a Flyers fan held up a sign directed at Washington that read, "You'll choke."

Not these Capitals, and certainly not against punchless Philadelphia.

Nicklas Backstrom scored, Braden Holtby had 26 saves, and the Washington Capitals beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 on Sunday in Game 6 to win the series 4-2 and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Capitals will play the Pittsburgh Penguins, setting up a marquee matchup of Alex Ovechkin vs. Sidney Crosby.

"It's going to be a hard series," Ovechkin said.

The Capitals scored two goals over the final three games of the series and clearly need more from Ovechkin and Co. to have a chance against the Penguins, who beat the Rangers in five games.

Against the Flyers, it was just enough, though.

Ovechkin had an assist on Backstrom's second-period goal that easily held against the Flyers.

Riding the momentum of Michal Neuvirth in net, the Flyers won two straight to force an unlikely trip home. Neuvirth was sensational again, but the Flyers were ultimately doomed by a power play that could not



Tom Wilson of the Capitals flattens the Flyers' Pierre-Edouard Bellemare on Sunday in Philadelphia. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

GAME 6 In Philadelphia



cash in against Holtby. The Flyers wasted nearly two minutes of a 5-on-3 power play in the second period that made

a critical difference.

"We sacrificed our body 5-on-3," Ovechkin said. "We paid the price and we won."

The reward: keeping alive the pursuit of the first Stanley Cup championship in franchise history.

"It's a different group. The past is a different regime," Holtby said. "We are trying to write our own history."

Holtby, who had a 19-save shutout in Game 1, was barely tested with solid shots the last two games. The Flyers took only 11 shots against him in

Game 5 and matched that feeble total midway through the second period. Most of their shots Sunday came from long range, and the Flyers never really attacked Holtby.

Philadelphia's top three goal scorers — Claude Giroux, Wayne Simmonds and Brayden Schenn — failed to score in the series following a regular season where they combined for 80 goals.

Giroux insisted he was not hurt, just "not good enough."

"We expected to win the series," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Curry hurt but Dubs rain 3s on Rockets

Klay Thompson scored 23 points and the Golden State Warriors set an NBA playoff record with 21 three-pointers to overcome another injury to Stephen Curry and beat the Houston Rockets 121-94 on Sunday for a 3-1 series lead.

Curry returned after missing two games with a sprained right ankle, but did not play in the second half after spraining his right knee on the final play of the second quarter.

Golden State was just fine without him thanks to three-point shooting that led to a 41-point third quarter. The Warriors bested the NBA record they shared for threes in a playoff game when Brandon Rush made one from the top of the key with about 2-1/2 minutes left.

Golden State hosts Game 5 on Wednesday.

Dwight Howard led Houston

GAME 4 In Houston



with 19 points and 15 rebounds. James Harden had 18 points, 10 assists and seven steals.

The Warriors made eight threes in the third quarter alone to set a franchise playoff record for three-pointers in a period. Thompson led the way from long range, going 7-for-11, and Draymond Green made four.

Curry slid awkwardly to the court while defending on the last play before halftime and immediately grabbed his knee. He got up and looked to have trouble putting weight on it before jogging with a limp to the locker-room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Spurs make quick work of mauling Grizzlies

Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points as the San Antonio Spurs routed the Memphis Grizzlies 116-95 on Sunday, sweeping the best-of-seven opening-round series.

It was the Spurs' third post-season sweep of the Grizzlies (2004 and 2013).

San Antonio now awaits the winner of Oklahoma City-Dallas, a series that the Thunder lead 3-1.

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Celtics get even with Hawks

Isaiah Thomas scored 28 points, hitting a corner three-pointer with 30 seconds left in overtime and then adding a pair of clinching free throws as the Boston Celtics beat the Hawks 104-95 on Sunday night to send their first-round playoff series back to Atlanta tied two games apiece.

Paul Millsap scored 45 for the Hawks and added 13 rebounds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Stars centre Jason Spezza, right, scores past teammate Mattias Janmark and a number of other bodies on Sunday.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Stars hang on to send Wild into summer

The Dallas Stars were cruising into the second round, dominating their slumbering opponent, when the Minnesota Wild jolted awake.

Minnesota's remarkable rally ended a fraction of an inch short, a fitting metaphor for an intensely up-and-down season. Dallas advanced in the playoffs for the first time in eight years, extracting some valuable experience from a nerve-racking finish.

Jason Spezza scored his fourth goal of the series and added three assists, and goalie Kari Lehtonen and the Stars needed every last

GAME 6 In St. Paul



one of them to hold off the Wild 5-4 on Sunday and wrap up the first-round series in six games.

Patrick Sharp, John Klingberg, Jamie Benn and Alex Goligoski also scored for the Stars, who will face the winner of the Chicago-St. Louis series, which is tied at 3. The Blues host the Black-

hawks in their decisive Game 7 on Monday night.

Jared Spurgeon scored two of Minnesota's four third-period goals, both on the power play, and the Wild nearly tied the game with 34 seconds remaining when Nino Niederreiter whacked at a loose puck in the crease.

Freeze-frame replays showed it in the net, but not quite fully across the goal-line as it connected with Lehtonen's right pad, an oh-so-close call that was upheld by review. Another angle revealed the puck taking a slight hop, which might have put it all

+ CATS TAMED

Islanders oust Panthers

John Tavares tied it in the final minute of regulation and scored again in the second overtime, leading New York past Florida 2-1 and into the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1993.

the way in, but it was awfully difficult to determine.

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RECIPE Kale Salad with Chicken and Blueberries



PHOTO: MAYA VISNVEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We're holding tight to the if-you-cook-it-spring-will-come philosophy and switching over to a lighter menu. This kale salad gets lots of flavour and texture from chicken and sweet berries.

Ready in
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Serves: Four

- Ingredients**
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 - 1 Tbsp olive oil
 - 1 small head of kale
 - 1 cup blueberries
 - 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
 - Salad dressing
 - 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
 - salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Season chicken with a pinch of salt and pepper. Grill breasts on the barbecue or a grill pan for about 5 minutes a side until they are cooked through. Set aside.

2. Wash kale and use a sharp knife to cut out the rib of each leaf. Slice the leaves horizontally into ribbons. Drizzle with a bit of olive oil, toss, then massage leaves for a minute or two.

3. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Toss the chicken, berries and pecans in with the kale. Pour a small amount of salad dressing over and toss. Crumble the goat cheese over the salad. Place the extra dressing on the table for anyone who would like a little more on their salad.

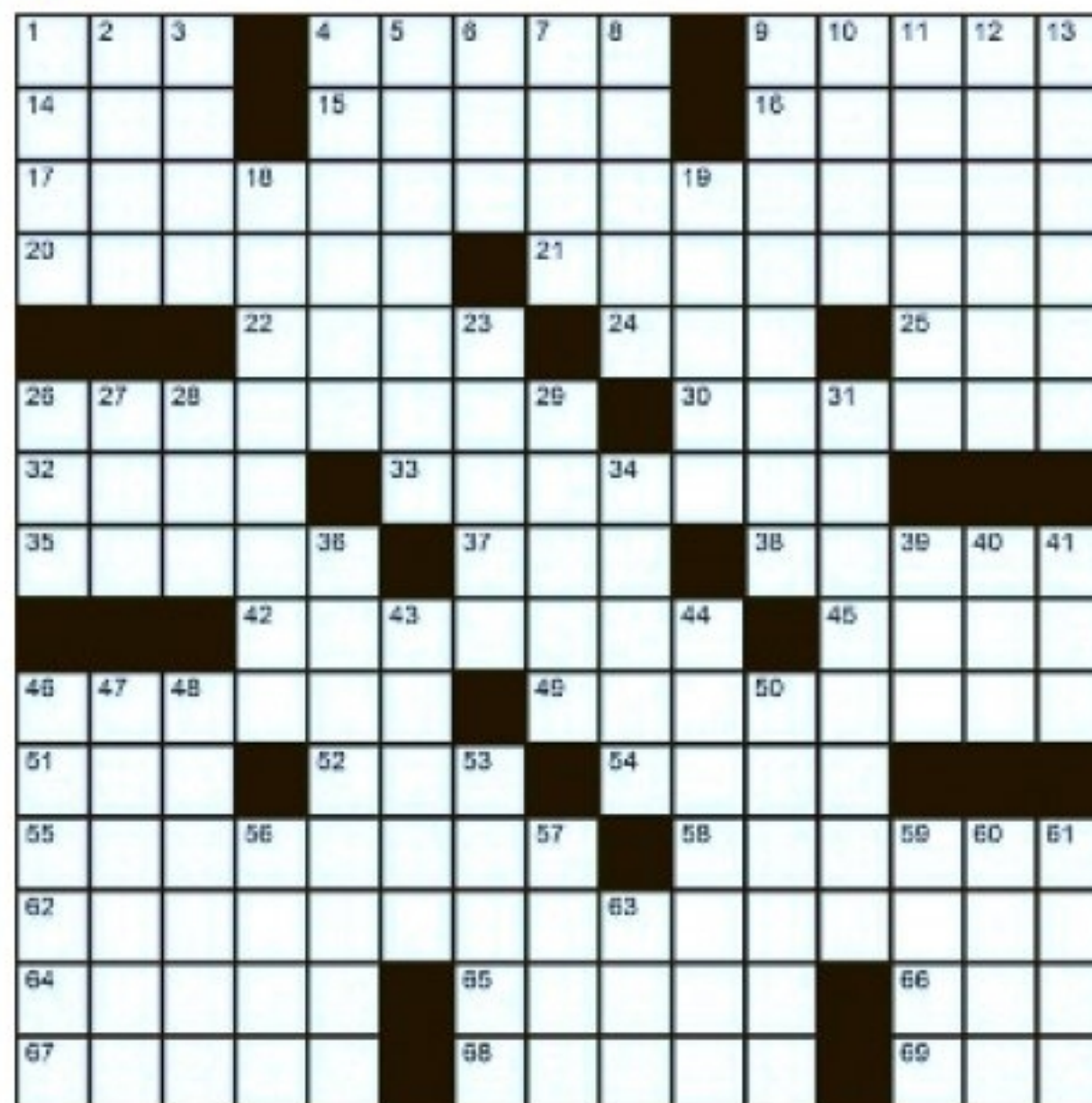
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- Beaver-built barrier
- Cramp
- Tiger: French
- Identity part
- "...a stinker?" - Bugs Bunny
- Against a thing, at law: 2 wds.
- Nunavut's official flower: 2 wds.
- Jason of "The Lost Boys" (1987)
- One trusting another with info
- Above
- US medicine watchdog
- Canadian language, e.g.
- Spot for a stop on a road trip: 2 wds.
- Prison person
- "...the Groove" by Madonna
- "American Idol" alum who famously sported a faux-hawk
- Particular pears
- France: Le Chateau _ _ (Castle attraction in Upper Normandy)
- Misses in Madrid, mini-ly
- Barry Manilow hit bit: "...well / You came and you gave..."
- National Park in Field, BC
- Songstress Ms. Gore
- Judd Hirsch sitcom: 2 wds.
- Swiss peak
- Game-on-grass gr.
- Cruising



- Beau _ (Star on MTV's "Awkward," from Victoria)
- Household
- Remotely banished in Russia: 3 wds.
- Saltpetre, US-style
- Chilliwack song
- Advantages

DOWN

- Hollywood star Johnny

- Water: Spanish
- Beetle Bailey creator Mr. Walker
- Genealogy test sample
- Ones attaching jigsaw puzzle bits together, say
- Years: French
- Disconnected, in

- music [abbr.]
- _ _ sun and cloud (Weather forecast)
- "Breakfast at _" (1961)
- Crucifix inscription
- Best quality, as per food: wd. + letter
- One who rules when

- the monarch can't
- Surface
- Procedure/etiquette
- New Delhi's country
- _ _ book (Do this at the library)
- Poke fun
- U2 producer surname
- Holy ones [abbr.]
- A means to _ _
- Kingston-born Celtic singer Ms. Lamond: 2 wds.
- Herod the Great's realm
- German _ (Woof!)
- Also
- Relieved-one's sound
- _ _ in-law
- "Goodness gracious": 2 wds.
- "Baywatch" star Ms. Bleeth
- Bemoan
- Magical potion
- Soft drink name
- Sportswear brand
- SAG _ (Showbiz union)
- Actress Ms. DuVall
- Stable offspring
- Husk
- Mr. Vannelli
- Simple
- Khloe, to Kim

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Do not be discouraged if studies or travel possibilities look too difficult. Many people think that they are overwhelmed with burdens today, but this is temporary.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might be discouraged because your fair share of something is less, or there isn't enough money to do something in conjunction with someone else. Just wait, because this challenge will pass.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone older might rain on your parade today. Don't take this personally, because we all feel this in different ways today. Sigh.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If someone older or more experienced is critical of you at work today, listen in case there is something of value in what he or she has to say. Yes, it will discourage you, but such is life.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Likewise, romance might be in the toilet. Fear not; this is a fleeting disappointment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
An older family member might disapprove of your actions today. Oh well, what's new? This sort of thing goes up and down all the time. Just wait it out.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't be gripped by worries today. Remember that old saying: "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but gets you nowhere." It's true.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might be discouraged because you don't have enough money to do something today. Well, join the club — we number millions. No worries.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today the Moon in your sign is lined up with stern Saturn. This means that duty and obligations come first. Consider this an opportunity for hard work.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will work hard behind the scenes today to accomplish as much as possible, because you see the objective that you want to attain. No pain, no gain!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced because this person might help you today. (After all, you don't have to reinvent the wheel, do you?)

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
It won't be easy to persuade authority figures to go along with what you want today. Therefore, wait for another day to make your pitch. Timing is everything.

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